



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** October 17, 2019

**Agenda Item:** Adoption of Administrative Rule pertaining to Kill Site Verification

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

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## **Background:**

As a condition of hunting and trapping in Montana, the commission has previously adopted kill site verification requirements in their annual hunting regulations to allow department enforcement the ability to visit the site to verify that an animal was legally harvested. Kill site verification is not something that is likely to change on a frequent basis and therefore does not need to be reconsidered and re-adopted every year as an annual rule, but rather, would be more appropriately adopted in administrative rule. The proposed language also clarifies when and how this rule applies to hunters and trappers.

## **Public Involvement Process & Results:**

The commission held a 28-day written public comment period and a public hearing in Helena. No comments were received.

## **Alternatives and Analysis:**

The commission could choose not to adopt the administrative rule which would result in the annual rule remaining in effect as is.

## **Agency Recommendation and Rationale:**

The department recommends the commission adopt the rule as proposed as it is more appropriate to have it in an administrative rule than an annual rule. The proposed language also provides clarity to the public of the rule's requirements.

## **Proposed Motion:**

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt the administrative rule pertaining to kill site verification as proposed.